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USING THE MARVELS OF RADIO

The Southern California DX Club is a proud group of men and women of the world wide Amateur Radio community that enjoys communications with other Amateurs around the world.

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STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT

from the Prez

It's Bash time!!! I hope we'll all turn out for the great Summer Bash on Sunday, 8/26 down in Poway, all hosted this year by the San Diego DX Club. I sure won't be missing it and, if you want a great time with great friends and lots to eat, this is going to be the late-summer event not to miss. See you there.



In late July, Rowie and I will be off to the Canadian Rockies for two weeks. I plan to take a rig, so you just might hear me as VE6/K6JW between 7/23 and 8/3. I'll try to get on during at least several evenings, probably between 9 PM and midnight on 20/30/40 meters, depending upon band conditions. Rig will be an FT-897D with an Outbacker vertical.

Skip was down in early July to put some finishing touches on the tower. We had problems with the 80 meter sloper. It simply wouldn't tune. Maybe because the tower sections weren't making adequate contact. Remember—the City of Rolling Hills Estates forced me to paint the tower. Finally, we abandoned plan A and put up a standard dipole, which tunes down to 1.4:1.

I wonder how many of you operated Field Day this year. The perception of those of us who operated from the South Bay was that band conditions were awful. In spite of this, and the general bottom-of-the-cycle doldrums we're in, it seems to me that there have been some really excellent band openings recently. I've done very well on 20 in the mid-evening and have also had some surprisingly nice success into the Middle East on 17 meters with very low noise levels. So, don't assume things are dead. I thought 17 was dead one evening, until a 4X popped out of nowhere at about S7 calling CQ. I was about the only responder until he got spotted, at which point all \$*@%! broke loose.

The FCC has taken several recent enforcement actions locally in southern California. A Mission Hills ham has received a cease and desist letter from the FCC, demanding that he obey the request of a local repeater operator not to access the repeater. Previously, he had ignored both verbal and written requests. The FCC threatened potential revocation of his license, fine, or restriction of privileges if he does not comply. The letter was signed by Riley. Similar letters went to hams in Temecula and West Covina. In West Covina, the letters went to two hams with the same last name. Another repeater-related enforcement letter went to a ham in Vista who was causing interference to a coordinated repeater by operation of his uncoordinated repeater. This is encouraging, and it suggests that the FCC is being responsive to reported problems, although it speaks to the necessity for clear documentation of interference and the presentation of solid evidence to the FCC in order to get it to act. In each case, there appears to have been a pattern of repeated disruptive behavior. Of course, we heard more and in a most entertaining way at the July meeting. If you weren't there, you really missed something! 73 es gud DX, JW, K6JW

from the VEEP

If you were not in attendance at the July meeting, you missed a great program. Catherine Deaton from the FCC gave us all an entertaining presentation of her life with this federal enforcement bureau. She has seen and done so much and only touched the surface of some of her harrowing adventures. She was everything I promised - informative, anecdotal, and humorous. I'm sure the bureau is going to miss her when she retires in January 2008.



Next month's program will be Dennis Kitter doing a presentation on E-M-E (Earth-Moon-Earth). Now, that's real DX! I have seen his presentation, and it is fascinating. Be assured that you don't want this program either.

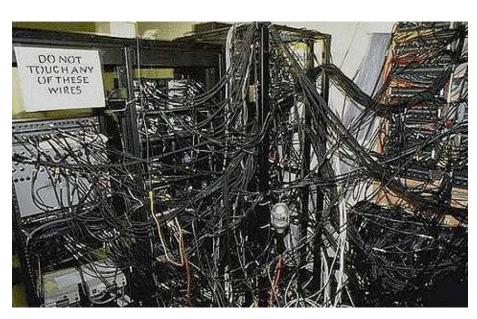
Another reminder is the upcoming annual Summer Bash. The date is Sunday, August 26. The location is the QTH of Gayle Olson, K6GO in Poway. The address and Map-quest map is on our club website.

Not a lot to report this month except to tell you how much I have been enjoying the 20m band opening late at night. Hopefully, your DX quest has been successful for July.

Till our getting together again in August, I wish you all great DX.

Sharon – K6IRD

I FOUND IT!



TRIVIA FROM YOUR EDITOR

It was quite a program we witnessed, some all out police work to full clandestine operations. Too bad the Government has reduce their numbers to where keeping the rules and punishing the offenders is difficult at best.



Ms Deaton had what they call the ability to hold the audience to silence and then to laughter. Thank you Catherine for your presentation. I hope you and your husband enjoy your retirement.

Now other stuff. A new info line will be appearing from time to time and it will be THE CHEFS CORNER, COOKING WITH KEITH or something like that. Keith K6LD has agreed to give us a start and occasional sample of one of his recipes. Look for his recipe on another page. If you have a TITLE you would like, send it in and we will have a drawing.

AND...it is time to get Visalia planned again. Next meeting for those who would like to help(check with Carl WU6D.) will be Aug. 11 2007 at 1430 hours at the QTH of Carl and Cathy Gardenias. Please reply to Carl at ww6d@scdxc.org by Aug 3 if you plan on attending. Location:

20902 Gardenias St, Perris, Ca 92570, tel: 951-443-4958

So how do you fill all these pages with stuff. A LOT OF HELP FROM YOUR FRIENDS. So, my friend, HELP. Thank you.

Bye the way, Don, N6IC will be back from Europe. Bet he has some stories.

From WB6PSY: A VANITY CALL YOU WILL NOT BELIEVE!!! http://www.papays.com/radioray.html

OTHER CLUBS

Another section I would like to start is that of OTHER CLUB NEWS. --SO, if you have something of interest to us DXERS, then send it on.

The following from SDDXC.(San Diego DX Club) New officers:

President Paul Dorey, WN6K
Vice President Glenn Rattmann, K6NA
Secretary/Treasurer Harry Hodges, W6YOO

Board of Directors Gayle Olson, K6GO (summer bash location)

Jim Stevenson, W6YI Wayne Zimmerman, NN6R

The Chefs Corner with Keith





Our first recipe:

BBQ COLESLAW DRESSING

½ CUP MAYO
½ CUP DILL DRESSING
½ CUP RANCH DRESSING
2-4 TABLE SPOONS HORSE RADISH SAUCE
1-TEASPOON CELERY SEEDS
1/8 CUP PINEAPPLE VINEGAR ***
JUICE OF TWO LIMES OR LEMONS
SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE

SLAW

1 HEAD OF GREEN CABBAGE 1 HEAD OF RED CABBAGE 4-5 LARGE CARROTS

MIX ALL INGREDIENCE FOR THE DRESSING WITH A WISK IN A LARGE BOWL, COVER AND PLACE IN THE FRIG. THIN SLICE THE CABBAGE GRATE THE CARROTS PUT IN BAGGIES AND INTO THE FRIG.

1/4 HOUR BEFORE SERVING MIX CARROTS AND CABBAGE TOGETHER IN A LAGRE BOWL. SPOON ON AS MUCH DRESSING AS NEEDED, MIX UNTIL ALL THE SLAW IS COVERED.

***NOTE CAN SUBSTITUTE SEASONED RICE-WINE VINEGAR
K6LD Chef Keith

We also have letters to the Editor!

Steve,

I have not received a response to my inquiry, so I humbly present to the membership a few small points regarding DXCC and WAZ standings for the Southern California DX Club on the web site.

It is my belief that the standings were established to promote friendly competition among the club membership. There are non-members in the standings for DXCC and WAZ. Although these might be fine, honorable DX'ers, the listing should be limited only to members in good standing. The application form should state clearly that the standings are for members, only. We have our unique propagation and internecine rivalries.

Also, the crowning achievement of 5-Band WAZ, is to confirm 40 zones on the 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. I have watched the standings in CQ over the years, and I know how difficult it has been for OM's to pass from 199 to 200 zones. The prerequisite for the top of the WAZ standings should be the 200 zone award. After that, total zones may be used, but simply using total zones does not reward the achievement of the 5 band 200 zones award.

I am not thrilled at having to call this to your attention, but I joined the Southern California DX club because of my interest in DX. Standings are part of the DX game. I don't submit my totals to the Northern California DX Club, or the Southwest Ohio DX Association. SCDXC is the club of my peers.

Harvey Laidman, W8DX

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

I have received some comments.

It has been noted that we seem to have lost our friendly rivalries. You know, the page on the web site that shows the achievements of each member. The DX standings on the web site appear to have more than just our club members, and appears to indicate awards that are not necessarily true. A case in mention is the 5 band WAZ. CQ begins this award with a basic classification. This is not the award itself and should not be shown as achieved until the last Q falls. (this might take a while) Should Honorary members be listed in this friendly competition? I know that we have members fully paid up that do not have a 6 in their call, but they are fully paid and voting members. We have some of those and we also have some paid members who now live outside our circle of RADIO capabilities. The question is... to establish a friendly form of competition we need to be truthful and up to date in our postings. So what do you think of this? Do you think non members or associate(no DXCC or WAZ) should be posted on our web site that shows DX standings OR, should we ID those who are not in our realm of competition? Maybe on the roster we could identify each person with a 2 character code like M for member or SP for spouse and A for associate and ST for student. Believe me I do not propose a battle of personalities and I don't think this is opening a bag of worms, but check the site, bring it up to date. The forms are available on the club standings page and are sent to the Web Master for posting.(the secretary can't do that).

NOW: That we have established a comment page of what we have heard or seen (sights and sounds), I expect some other comments. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS. Maybe bring back the Packet posting competition. (you will have to show me how to do that).

So until I here some more news, I will say ciao.

Ed

A LITTLE IOTA NEWS.



The IOTA net meets on 14260 kHz at 1300 UTC on Saturdays and on 21260 at 1300 UTC on Sundays. The following frequencies are considered as the meeting place for Island chasers: CW - 28040, 24920, 21040, 18098, 14040, 10114, 7030 and 3530 kHz; SSB - 28560, 28460, 24950, 21260, 18128, 14260, 7055 and 3765 kHz.

A LITTLE DX NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Jul 28 - 29 RSGB IOTA Contest

Aug 4 - 5 ARRL UHF Contest

Aug 18 - 19 ARRL 10 GHz & Up Contest

Aug 25 - 26 YO DX HF Contest

Sep 8 - 9 ARRL VHF QSO Party

Sep 15 W9DXCC Convention - Chicago

Sep 28-29 Ten Tec Hamfest - Sevierville, TN

Sep 29 SEDCO III 2007 - Pigeon Forge, TN



from file

Wedding congratulations to Abubaker 5A1A/DL1AL and his bride Beate. June 9 in Germany. Ref. QRZ/DX publications

My call is YO2DFA and I would like to inform you, and all your readers, that in 2007 August, 25 - 26, the YO DX Contest will take place.

The rules could be found here: http://www.radioamator.ro/contest/us/yodxhf2007rules.html

From: "R. Dale Piedfort" < kb7ub-5@dxer.com>

Subject: Update on Romeo

For those of you who are Dxers, and remember the P5RS7 rip off I am sure this will bring a smile to your lips I still have my P5RS7 card hanging on the wall,labeled THE OTHER NORTH KOREA right by the P5/4L4FN, THE REAL NORTH KOREA

http://seankutzko.com/blog2005-10-21.html

HAMCON 2007 ARRL Southwest Division Amateur Radio Convention

September 7, 8, & 9 2007 Torrance Marriott Hotel-Resorts 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503-4809 1-800-228-9290 Hotel Resv. Code: HAMCON



REGISTRATION FORM

ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE REGISTERED - Please list additional attendees

			First Name: City:			
						State:
ADDITION	AL ATTENDEES					
NAME (PLEASE PRINT)			CA	LLSIGN	CHILD	ADULT
REGISTRA	TION					
Early Bird (Post Marked by April 30, 2007)			\$15.00	@ \$15.	00 ea. = \$ _	
Conven	tion Pins Included (S	upplies are limited)				
Pre- Registration (Post Marked by August 1, 2007)			\$18.00	@ \$18.	00 ea. = \$ _	
On Site Registrations			\$20.00	@ \$20.	00 ea. = \$ _	
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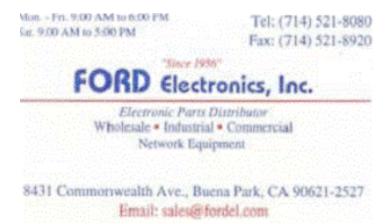
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VERY LATE BREAKING NEWS!!!

THE SILENT HEROES THAT MAKE THE WORLD GO AROUND.

I don't know if the following is common knowledge, but it was news to me. All too often we become so self absorbed that we forget that it is a blessing to help others. Our club president seems to be one of those individuals who thinks outside of himself, as the following information documents.

In far away Sri Lanka there is a physician by the name of Hermantha (4S7HG). He is not on the air because he lacks a transceiver and can't afford to purchase a new one and have it imported into his country. He can afford about \$250.00 for an ICOM that retails for around \$550.00. That doesn't include the shipping costs of about \$120.00 and import duty that approaches the entire cost of the radio!

Jeff Wolf (K6JW) contacted ICOM and negotiated a price of \$474.00 and volunteered to purchase the radio, "test" it, and repackage it to be sent to Hermantha as "used" equipment. Hermantha will be able to use the radio to contact the hospital emergency room and ambulances as well as get on the air to contact fellow hams. Jeff will be assisted in his monetary outlay by the Medishare program administered by MARCO (Medical Amateur Radio Council, Ltd).

Well done Jeff! Your efforts are to be congratulated. This is a fine example of "the ham spirit". How about the SCDXC contribute a few dollars to help Jeff and Hermantha?

73, Arnie N6HC